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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Additional Construction at Langley

1. On 19 April 1963 there was a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the question of additional construction to accommodate those headquarters elements of the Agency other than NPIC which cannot be accommodated in our present headquarters building at Langley. Those present were:

Mr. Kirkpatrick and Colonel White, Co-Chairmen
Mr. Cline, Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Dr. Scoville, Deputy Director (Research)
[redacted] Assistant Deputy Director (Plans)
Mr. Earman, Inspector General
Mr. Bross, Comptroller
Mr. Houston, General Counsel
Colonel Edwards, Director of Security

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2. After a brief discussion [redacted] said that after careful consideration in the Clandestine Services the Deputy Director (Plans) felt that the Clandestine Services should not move from our headquarters building in Langley. This position was unanimously endorsed by all those present.

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3. I then outlined a proposal for proceeding with our planning for additional construction at Langley, somewhat as follows:

a. It is the opinion of the General Counsel that our basic law gives us ample legal authority to plan for and undertake construction.

b. We have in escrow with the Bureau of the Budget [redacted]
[redacted] which we saved in the construction of our headquarters building. As now set up on the books, these funds will lapse and be lost to the Agency at the end of Fiscal Year 1964 unless some action to change

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this is taken. (Action can be taken by the Agency and the Bureau of the Budget without referral to anyone else.)

c. As a practical matter the Agency should not proceed to plan for additional construction or to obligate funds for such planning without the official, though informal, approval of the appropriate Congressional committees. I therefore proposed that we seek the necessary approval informally to plan for additional construction at Langley to accommodate all of our headquarters employees except NPIC and at the same time seek approval to use [redacted] of the aforementioned funds for this preliminary planning.

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d. Assuming these approvals could be obtained, we should proceed in consultation with the General Services Administration to employ an architectural and engineering firm to work with us in the preparation of preliminary plans and cost estimates which could be presented to the Congress early in 1964. I pointed out that this would probably save us at least one year in the over-all time span necessary to complete the construction.

4. This general procedure was endorsed by all members of the Committee. Mr. Kirkpatrick asked me to prepare the necessary briefing notes for General Carter to open this subject with the House Appropriations Committee at the time of our hearings.

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